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SUBSTITUTE PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE

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Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant amendment mailed March 29, 2006. Claim 7 has been updated with the appropriate status identifier.

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in connection with the prosecution of the captioned application, which is a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 of international application number PCT/GB2003/005576, filed December 19, 2003, which claims priority to application number 0229695.2 filed December 20, 2002, in Great Britain the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Amendments to the Specification begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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